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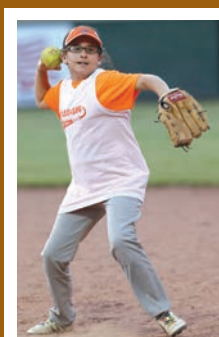
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## Bitzas recognized for Rotary leadership service

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Correspondent

AGAWAM – Being a member of the Rotary Club means living up to the motto of “Service Above Self.”

Former Rotary Club president and current Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas said he wanted

to lead a group of Rotarians that were active in the community, and worked hard to increase community service and donations to the numerous Rotary causes.

On June 18, Bitzas was given the Presidential Citation for engag-



ing Rotary and changing lives.

“This is an award that is not just for me but the entire Rotary Club of Agawam,” Bitzas said. “I would not have been successful as president if it was not for the participation by my club.”

Bitzas took over as Rotary Club president in late 2012 following the resignation of the previous president. Bitzas was so popular with the club after serving out the eight months as president, he was re-elected as president in June 2013.

“Normally, a president will serve for just one year,” said Bitzas,” but

they decided for me to keep going. I was honored to be able to continue on as the president of the club.”

Bitzas said his goals over the past year were to increase the fundraising efforts of Rotary and to increase the membership. He was proud to have achieved both goals and plans to continue working on

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## SAY UNCLE



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Agawam fireman and longtime resident Scott Barker shares a tender moment with his youngest niece, Olivia Boyer, 1 ½, during a block party held in Agawam Center on Saturday, July 5.

## Calls for illegal fireworks anticipated

By James Paleologopoulos  
Turley Publications  
Correspondent

AGAWAM – With the Fourth of July weekend behind us and town fireworks displays winding down, officials from the Agawam police and fire departments anticipate firework-related noise complaints to continue as July rolls on.

A yearly routine leading up to and then lingering after Independence Day, police officers and firefighters are often called out to respond to illegal fireworks at the concern of other residents, whether roman candles are being lit at a barbecue or firecrackers are going off behind a school.

“Typically, in the month of July, we get around 80 to 100 (calls),” said Lt. Edward McGovern of the Agawam PD. “They really don’t start until the Fourth, but after that, they will continue on for a while.”

With 16 years on the force and having responded to hundreds of noise complaints, Lt. McGovern is no stranger to the reports of illegal explosives. For him and the rest of the department, calls from residents concerned about safety or fire damage from pyrotechnics come in from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The bulk of these calls, though, are made around the Fourth of July and during the weeks that follow.

“The calls will continue for the next couple of weeks even though the Fourth is over,” McGovern said. “People will still be having cookouts and they’ll have fireworks with them, and we’re probably going to get a lot of more of these calls than usual since the Fourth falls on a Friday when it’s typically in the middle of the week.”

Banned under the Massachusetts Fireworks Law found in Chapter 148, Section 39, of the Massachusetts General Laws, the sale and use of fireworks of all kinds are illegal in the commonwealth, in-

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## Art and Soul...

Agawam’s Stass Shpanin mentoring burgeoning artists

By Sarah Platanitis  
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Correspondent

AGAWAM – In 2002 at the age of 12, Agawam artist Stass Shpanin was listed in the “Guinness Book of World Records” as the youngest professional artist in the world.

At the time, the MacDuffie School student had exhibited in 10 solo shows throughout the world, including Israel, Russia, Italy, Azerbaijan, England, France and the U.S., and was the winner of that year’s International Grand Prize at the “River of Words” environmental poetry and art contest, conducted in affiliation with The Library of Congress’ Center for the Book.

“My parents encouraged me to attend art classes,” said Shpanin. “A couple of the summers during my high school years I spent at the arts camp at Williams College as well as taking college credit classes at the School of the Muse-

um of Fine Arts/Tufts University during the weekends. All of those extra activities gave me a chance to further my education and to be more prepared in the tough and extremely competitive arts field.”

A 2012 graduate of the Hartford Art School, Shpanin recently returned home after living and working for the past two years in Russia on a U.S. Fulbright fellowship. Born in Baku, the capital and largest city of the former Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan, the fellowship allowed him to continue his senior project, “Trialectics.” The body of work uses historical photographs, coats of arms and elements of nature in the compositions to highlight the tensions of times past and explore his relationship to the history of the country through art.

“I read a book titled ‘Last Russian Tsar’ and this led my interest in the subject matter of the imperial history of Russian and the whole of Europe. It’s all interconnected,” he said. “This especially interests



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Agawam artist Stass Shpanin will be a teacher and curator for a summer arts program for children and teens at Hampshire College.

me because a lot of those archives and artifacts were closed and forbidden during the power of Bolsheviks and the USSR. Now, we can re-evaluate and re-use this vi-

sual history without any political predispositions of that interesting and mystique era.”

Even before graduating from  
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# Minority Mental Health Month on display at library

By James Paleologopoulos  
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Continuing a tradition of spreading awareness and knowledge to the community, the Agawam Public Library has once again teamed up with the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Massachusetts to assemble a new display focusing on mental health awareness.

Throughout all of July, the library will be hosting and replenishing its display case educating patrons on Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, bringing with it literature and pamphlets available to those who wish to learn more.

With this past May being Mental Health Month, a time in which organizations like NAMI reach out to communities about conditions such as bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, Minority Mental Health Month allows for a more specific dialogue focusing on identifying mental health issues and treatment in communities of color.

It’s a conversation that’s been championed by NAMI Urban LA co-founder Bebe Moore Campbell who, since the 1970s, was a major advocate of breaking the stigma surrounding mental illness and its treatment held by many at the time. An author and activist until the very end, Campbell lost her battle to brain cancer in 2006, a year after first starting the campaign to make a month designated minority mental health awareness.

Now, her books *Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry* and *72 Hour Hold* sit alongside similar titles by other authors of color in the library’s display case, celebrating the awareness month made official by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008.

“We want to help get as much information out there as possible to our patrons, to open their eyes to mental health issues,” said Agawam Public Library Director Judith Clini. “They (NAMI) believe the more people are aware, the more it’s out in the open and the more help can begin.”

The display itself, which sits beside the elevator and conference rooms in the library’s lower level, has within it a series of memoirs, novels and reports covering a variety of conditions behind the



glass case as well as informational pamphlets for passersby to take and make use of.

Also within the display is an informational cardboard stand, listing the success stories of people of color who were able to accomplish great things while having a mental condition like musician and television host Demi Lovato (Type 2 bipolar disorder) or Chicago Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall (borderline personality disorder).

It’s not the first display NAMI and the library have collaborated on as the organizations have brought mental illness awareness and informa-

tion to the cabinet before during previous mental health months.

But with recommended books added to the display via a grant received by NAMI Mass, it’s a unique accomplishment for the Western MA chapter with offices on Springfield Street in Agawam.

“Our July display helps to improve access to mental health treatment and services through increased public awareness,” said a spokesperson from the chapter. “Exhibits like the one in the Agawam Public Library help to start conversations about mental illness within the community.”

With the display set to run through all of July, the unique stories of minorities in America living with mental illness will be open to all who frequent the library. Some books such as *Haldol & Hyacinths: A Bipolar Life*, a memoir by Iranian-American Melody Moezzi, are available to be taken out on-demand thanks to additional copies provided by the library.

“We have a number of books that focus on minorities and mental illness that would be helpful to anybody,” said Clini. “Everything, we hope, is educational in some way.”

Previous educational events at the library include a visit and forum with author Ben Boone last month, a writer who chronicled his personal struggles with schizophrenia in his book *Minority of Mind*. The text works to give a better understanding of the mental illness to readers, including its symptoms, impact and the thought process of those who have the condition.

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# Cyclone had ‘Riverside’ roots

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – The “Cyclone” roller coaster is a wooden marvel.

The American Coaster Enthusiasts, a group dedicated to their love of the architecture of roller coasters, have even recognized the upcoming retirement of the famed roller coaster. On June 24, Six Flags New England announced they would be retiring the longtime roller coaster on July 20. The roller coaster was opened on June 24, 1983, and has given a thrill to more than 15 million riders.

“We have a counting system that monitors the amount of people that use the ride,” said Public Relations Director Jennifer McGrath. “When we realized how many people had utilized the ride, we were amazed.”

McGrath was able to share some of the history of the ride, and shed some light on why the wooden roller coaster has been a staple of the Six Flags family even though it has been overshadowed during the past 15 years by numerous steel roller coasters that are in the park now.

“There is something very classic and nostalgic about the way a wooden roller coaster rides,” said McGrath. “It is a very different feeling than the steel roller coasters we have now.”

A wooden roller coaster is made of running rails made of flattened steel strips mounted on laminated wooden track. Wooden roller coasters were once a staple in amusement parks throughout the country. They were expensive to maintain and led to the emergence of steel coasters, which cost more up front, but were less expensive to maintain.

The architecture for the Cyclone in Agawam is much different from other wooden roller coasters. McGrath says the Cyclone was built on a very small site at Riverside

Park in 1983.

“They had a much smaller footprint for a large roller coaster than most other coasters had,” said McGrath. “Unlike other roller coasters, you found parts of the track directly below the higher tracks. You could actually see where you had just ridden.”

McGrath also shared the fact that the Cyclone name existed for another ride at Six Flags, and one that is remaining in the park.

“The coaster that we now know as the Thunderbolt was actually once called the Cyclone,” said McGrath. “It was based on a Cyclone coaster that operated at the New York World’s Fair in 1940.”

When the Thunderbolt was built and then opened in 1941, it had the name Cyclone. It was changed to Thunderbolt the following year.

When the Cyclone was built in 1983, it gave Riverside Park two wooden coasters. It was manufactured by William Cobb & Associates. The owners of the park wanted an additional roller coaster. It was originally named the Riverside Cyclone, but Riverside was dropped from the name when Six Flags took over the park.

The Cyclone was able to entertain several guests at a time because there were two trains of cars holding 24 people in each train.

The ride has had a number of changes over time. In 2001, the “first drop” for the coaster was cut shorter by 15 to 20 feet for safety reasons. The original track is still visible below the current track. Trim brakes were also installed in some of the turns to slow down the train during the course of the ride.

In 2006, the coaster received a new coat of paint. In 2011, some rougher parts of the track were replaced by Rocky Mountain Construction Topper Track.

A ceremony commemorating the ride’s retirement will be held on July 20.



The July 16 SummerFest concert will feature “Enter the Haggis,” a Canadian indie/folk rock world-fusion band based in Toronto.

## ‘Enter the Haggis’ up next at SummerFest

“Enter the Haggis” will take the stage again this year at the SummerFest concert scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, at 7 p.m.

Over the past three albums and five years, Toronto’s Celtic rock band has found itself at the center of a grassroots success story ever teetering on the brink of mainstream success. From playing Celtic festivals to headlining them, and from the festival circuit to selling out multiple nights in rock venues, ETH has blazed a path with heavy and almost constant touring up and down the East Coast, to Canada, the West Coast and back again, winning over success one fan, one town, one region at a time.

The band has made waves in the musicality of the genre, landing Billboard and iTunes World Music charting as well as major television appearances. It’s the kind of overall sound and devotion package that has created not only die-hard fans, but “Haggis Heads” that follow the band from gig to gig.

The band’s seventh studio album, Gutter Anthems, is Enter The Haggis’ most cohesive record to date, yet one that makes the band’s eclecticism shine. Expect a combination of rousing drinking songs with well-ar-

ranged rock and pop tunes. There’s also a marked “little guy versus the world” theme, derived from the trials of being an Indie band trying to make it in the current music industry climate.

All SummerFest shows will be held on Veterans Green, 689 Main St., in front of Phelps Elementary School. In case of rain, concerts will be moved to the air-conditioned auditorium at the Agawam Junior High School at 1305 Springfield St.

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# City Council meeting agenda

Roberta G. Doering School  
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Monday, July 14  
7 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Citizen’s Speak Time
- 4. Minutes
- 1. Regular Council Meeting – June 23, 2014

- 5. Declaration from Council President
- 6. Presentation of Petitions, Resolutions, Memorials and Remonstrances
- 1. TR-2014-26 - A Resolution endorsing the Track Master Plan as presented and the Administration’s intention to continue with the Project with support from the Exploratory Committee and seek bids for construction documents (Mayor)
- 2. TR-2014-27- A Resolution requiring the state to fund 50 percent of the costs associated with M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108L “The Police Career Incentive

- Program” commonly referred to as the “Quinn Bill” (Mayor)
- 3. TR-2014-28- A Resolution approving water connection and service charges fixed by the Department of Public Works (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
- 4. TR-2014-29- A Resolution approving water use rates fixed by the Department of Public Works (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
- 7. Report of Council Committees
- 8. Elections
- 9. Public Hearings

- 10. Old Business
- 1. TOR-2014-3- An Ordinance to Amend the Chapter 114 of the Agawam Town Code entitled “Junk and Second-hand Dealers” (Mayor) (Referred to Legislative Committee) (Tabled 6/23/14) (1 of 2 readings)
- 11. New Business: Unavailable at press time.
- 12. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council
- Adjournment

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# Opinion

## Lives more important than red tape

We were certainly pleased to learn that first responders from Palmer, Brimfield and Holland recently attended a training session at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield coordinated by the Hampden County District Attorney's office to train them on the use of Nasal Naloxone (Narcan), a treatment that can help revive victims of opiate overdoses. Narcan has been around since the 1960s, but was previously only mandated to Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance services and optional for others, but now is being made more readily available to police and firefighters.

But the burning question we have is this: Given that this has been an accepted treatment for decades and that the Quincy Police Department (where officers are required to carry Narcan) has reported a 95 percent success rate since 2010, why in the world did it take so long for the bureaucracy that has said it is committed to fighting the drug war to "wake up" themselves? Wouldn't it stand to reason that this material should be as commonplace as AEDs in police cruisers and other emergency vehicles? As it is, for a variety of reasons, it is easier for the general public to obtain Narcan than it is for first responders to receive it. A private citizen can carry it simply by acquiring a prescription for it. On the other hand, first responders have to go through training (not a bad idea, in and of itself) and then receive authorization of a local medical director and then contact the company that provides the treatment directly. There is normally a \$300 processing fee associated with this request, along with \$20 a piece for each dose, not including the atomizer required to administer the drug. Additional funding for distribution is currently working its way through the state budget process.

While there are a number of different kinds of opiates, heroin is the one that gets the most press, and with good reason – a few months ago, the state had already reported nearly 200 deaths this year from suspected overdoses of heroin. Regardless of our willingness to acknowledge this fact or the hard work of local, state and federal law enforcement, heroin is readily available on our streets. And our first responders need this treatment no less than people need vaccines for influenza, polio and the like.

To be sure, Narcan is not foolproof, but why would it not have already been purchased and distributed in bulk by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health or like agency to those personnel that have to respond to medical emergencies where minutes (sometimes seconds) count as it is? Clearly, despite Gov. Deval Patrick's well-publicized declaration of a public health emergency earlier this year and the release of millions of dollars to enhance substance abuse treatment, there is still some indecision as far as how best to combat the opiate epidemic. But regardless of what bureaucracy is in charge of monitoring the issue at any particular point in time, it seems to us on a commonsense (nay, moral) level that the baseline should be about saving lives. If we can't agree on that, then it isn't a war at all, or at least not one we can have any realistic chance of winning.



## Psalm 113: 1-3 NIV

1 "Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, you're his servants; praise the name of the Lord."

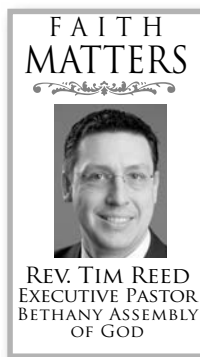
2 "Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore."

3 "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."

"The name of the Lord is to be praised." I was raised in a Christian home and I was taught at an early age to honor and respect the name of the Lord. I never heard my parents use God's name in a derogatory manner. I have always strived to praise the Lord and not take His name in vain or use it in a profane way. I love my Lord who saved me from the wages of sin, death, and graciously gave me the wonderful gift of eternal life, therefore, my lips will praise His holy name.

It seems some people have not heard this command from the psalmist to praise the name of the Lord. I have always wondered why Jesus and God are the "go to" words for expressing profanity. No other religious leader or deity's name is used in such a way. It is an intentional act upon the speaker's part to swear using the name of the Christian God. It is a clear violation of the third commandment and truly breaks the heart of God whenever it happens.

Praise rises from the heart of the individual who has a personal relationship with the Lord.



The mere fact that a jar of clay can relate to the God who created heaven and earth is enough to fill the mind and heart with adoration and exuberant thanksgiving. Moses and the children of Israel praised the Lord when they had been released from Egyptian slavery. King David offered praise and thanksgiving to the Lord repeatedly for victory in battle. Jesus even praised His Father in heaven. Paul encouraged the early churches to lift up their voice in corporate praise with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with thanksgiving in their hearts.

Choosing what we say has a profound impact on our day-to-day life and our eternal life, also. We can build people up and tear each other down. We can curse the one who created the world and all who live in it or we can choose to exalt Him for the wonders He has performed. I want my words to create an environment of love, joy and peace. Jesus was able to encourage, rebuke, affirm, and comfort with His words. He always said the right thing at the right time. He knew how to praise. Scripture encourages everyone with breath to praise the Lord.

Scripture also reminds us that some people praise the Lord with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him. Consider your own heart and ask yourself if you are closely connected to the Lord Jesus Christ or far from Him. Praise the Lord in spirit and truth with a power-packed faith, because it truly matters!

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# Agawam means slow

Edith LaFrancis, in her book titled, “Agawam Massachusetts,” explains the origin of the name Agawam: The word comes from two Algonquin words, “Aggu,” low land; and “wame” meaning wholly low or all surrounded by higher ground.

Agawam should mean slow, because our town is often very slow. Back in the 1960s we were probably the only town not to send a team of our smartest kids to compete in “As Schools Match Wits.” We had some smart kids who could have won, probably none more suited to the show than Charlie Guyotte ‘65. Do you remember him? In 1962, Charlie was known by everybody at AHS. He zipped around from class to class three times faster than everybody else. He hustled by you in the hall carrying his doctor-like bag, full of books. It must have had all of his textbooks and an almanac which he must have studied because Charlie knew all the presidents, state capitals, the history of the world, the U.S., what plays Shakespeare wrote, etc. It seemed like he knew everything, so one day we asked him how many cows there were per square mile in China. He knew. Funny, but it didn’t really surprise us. Charlie would have been a one-man “As Schools Match Wits” team, but by the time he graduated we still weren’t on the show. Why hurry? Agawam doesn’t need to hurry.

Charlie Guyotte was really involved at AHS, including student council, many clubs, Model Congress and the library staff. He was president of his class freshman year. He graduated from UMass in 1969, got his master’s degree from McGill University and his doctorate from Macquane University. The 2003 UMass Alumni Directory listed Charlie as an associate professor at Yokohoma City University in Tokyo, Japan.

Slow Agawam is now thinking of starting

a Hall of Fame. Springfield schools and Cathedral already have one and retired sports editor Dick Osgood says he has been working with the Chicopee Hall of Fame committee for 10 years. What is the problem with being slow starting a Hall of Fame? Dick explained that the Chicopee committee relies on old yearbooks, old newspapers and word of mouth for nominees to their hall. Well, what has happened in the last 10 years? The fact is that most of the Brownies who could have told us about the ‘30s have passed away.

Judge William Walsh ‘37 is still with us. At 94 he is a great source of information, but even Judge Walsh admits that when he was in college and law school, he didn’t follow AHS sports as much as he did when he was in high school. Old yearbooks in the ‘30s had little or no information about sports, so a Hall of Fame committee might have to try

old newspapers at the Springfield library.

Meetings are not my strong point, so I can only help by lending the committee my copies of old “Agawam Mirrors.” They sometimes have more sports info than the yearbooks. If I were on the committee I would nominate my relatives, so here are three nominations: nephew Dean Leclerc, who has the school track record in throwing the javelin; nephew Rick Leclerc, who was All-Western Mass. in football and basketball; their dad, my brother-in-law, Roger Leclerc, who played eight years in the NFL.

*EDITOR’S NOTE: Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.*



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From the left, ADOG Committee members Scott Milliken and Dennis King; ADOG Committee Vice President Ben Scranton; Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley CEO, Barbara Lussier; Deborah Sanchez, ADOG president; Cheryl Barnhart, ADOG secretary; Sue Drumm, Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley Board of Directors; Anna Beard, and Mary Ellen Kennedy.

## Fundraising dinner to benefit area mom

A fundraising dinner for Heather (Moreau) Gingras is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, from 5-8 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Heather is a young mother with interstitial pulmonary fibrosis, for which her only treatment is a lung transplant.

The menu is a pasta dinner served by the Agawam Lions Club with salad, bread, dessert, and coffee, tea and fruit punch. The night’s event will include raffle prizes, a 50/50 drawing and a bake sale.

Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$10 per person for adults. Children 6 and under will eat free with adult admission. For tickets, information and donations, contact JoAnn Juthe at (413) 786-1403 or charl.cameron@yahoo.com.

## Grant from Realtor Association to benefit dog park

SPRINGFIELD - The Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley has received a \$2,100 Placemaking-Micro Grant from the National Association of Realtors to help make Agawam a better place to live and work by transforming an unused public space into a vibrant community destination. The grant is intended to help Realtor Associations partner with others to plan, organize, implement and maintain placemaking activities in their communities.

The Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley will use the funds to support the Agawam Dog Owners Group (ADOG), a volunteer group dedicated to fundraising for the park. ADOG, along with Christopher Sparks, director of the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, will oversee building of the park on formerly unused municipal property.

The mission of ADOG is to create a fenced-in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering people, property, or wildlife. The park will be open to dog own-

ers and non-dog owners alike. Currently, there is nowhere in the Agawam area for people to bring their dogs to run free, socialize and exercise. Deborah Sanchez, president of the Agawam Dog Owners Group, said the project received a \$245,000 grant in 2013 from The Stanton Foundation. According to Sanchez, the funding represents 90 percent of the hard construction costs.

The Stanton Foundation is a private foundation known for its donations to dog-related public projects. Also, \$14,000 will come from Community Preservation Act funds, unanimously approved by the Agawam Town Council in October 2013.

“Realtors live, work and volunteer in their communities and take immense pride in working to improve them,” said Patrick Nolan, president of the Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley. “As the Agawam area becomes more attractive and welcoming, nearby properties may also increase in value,” he added.

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The Red Cross sees fewer appointments at its blood donation centers and blood drives this summer than what is needed to ensure blood and platelets continue to be available for patients. During the summer months, two fewer donors make appointments to give blood at each Red Cross blood drive than what patients need. This can add up to more than 100,000 fewer donations during the summer.

Blood and platelet donations are needed every day for patients with many serious medical conditions. Accident and burn victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease may all need blood.

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Upcoming blood donation opportunities: Wednesday, July 16: 1-6 p.m., OMG, 153 Bowles Road, Agawam; Friday, July 25: Noon to 6 p.m., Agawam Fire Dept., 800 Main St.



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**Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois says a ban on fireworks in Massachusetts has been prolific in reducing the number of fireworks-related accidents.**

## Calls for illegal fireworks anticipated

**FIREWORKS, from page 1**

cluding “safe and sane” class C explosives such as firecrackers, cherry bombs, and sparklers according to the State Fire Marshall’s office.

One of four states with such policies (the others being Delaware, New Jersey and New York), officials like Lt. McGovern are required to issue a summons and a \$10 to \$100 fine to those who are found in possession of or have used the illegal explosives. It’s also mandatory for any remaining fireworks to be seized and later destroyed by the Fire Marshall’s Office.

Those who are found to be selling fireworks in Massachusetts will find themselves issued steeper penalties with a larger fine of \$100 to \$1,000 and possible imprisonment (maximum of one year) along with the mandatory confiscation.

For some, the penalties for lighting off a few firecrackers may come off as harsh and, in the past, have sparked attempts to amend the Massachusetts policy, including a proposed bill, H3372 in 2011 that would have allowed towns to permit fireworks.

But for officials like Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois, the ban has been “prolific” in

reducing the number of fireworks-related accidents such as burn or blast injuries. For him, things are now at a point at which these injuries are considered relatively rare in Agawam despite the illegal flow of pyrotechnics from Connecticut where they can be legally purchased but are against the law to transport and use in the Bay State.

“Fireworks, by definition, are explosives, so if they’re mishandled or misused, there’s potential for severe blast injuries,” said Sirois. “Search online and you’ll find plenty of stories in which individuals have lost fingers, eyesight or hearing. The explosions can be quite large and have the potential to harm you, your family or friends if not handled appropriately.”

In short, “leave fireworks to the professionals,” Sirois stresses when it comes to lighting up the nighttime sky. With a proper state license, insurance (liability for \$1,000,000 and bond for \$15,000), permit and approval from the local fire chief and State Fire Marshall, organizations like Six Flags New England can do just that, as they did over the course of the Fourth of July weekend with their annual display, complete with a required detail of Agawam firefighters on-hand throughout the unloading, setup and launch phases.

## Agawam’s Stass Shpanin mentoring burgeoning artists

**ARTIST, from page 1**

high school, Shpanin had the chance to teach middle school kids at one of the after school programs in Agawam. During his Fulbright tenure, he lectured at the Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology, in collaboration with MIT. The next chapter of his career will be as a teacher and curator for a summer arts program for children and teens at Hampshire College.

Shpanin will lead the Art Portfolio Preparation program from July 20-Aug. 9. Students passionate about art who wish to strengthen their artistic skills and prepare strong portfolios for admission to art colleges are encouraged to apply.

Students in the program will learn about contemporary art practices through hands-on studio and lab work, hear lectures on contemporary art history and culture, take field trips and learn from distinguished visiting artists. The program concludes with a final critique of student works by prominent artists and faculty members of neighboring art colleges and an exhibition in the Hampshire College Gallery in Amherst.

“Yes, I am young, but I have had a range of international experience with arts education, both as a participant and as a lecturer and course leader. I look forward to work with the next generation of talented kids from my home state, and I’ll be happy to pass my

knowledge to them. I want to meet the next Picasso and Jackson Pollock,” he said.

“It was important for us to create this art program and give the aspiring students a chance to learn from professionals and recent graduates,” said Zuzanna Zaluga, managing director for the program. “There are not too many art portfolio preparation programs in our area that would give high school kids opportunity to develop their art work under the direction of internationally recognized yet local professional artists.”

Shpanin will also oversee the Summer Art Village – weekly hands-on workshops led by professional artists and experienced teachers in painting, drawing, comic illustration, sculpture and more. Full-day and half-day weekly sessions are available, running July 7 – Aug 8. For more information about both art programs, visit [travelnstudy.com](http://travelnstudy.com)

Shpanin’s works are currently on public display at the Museum of Contemporary Russian Art in New Jersey, the Jasper Rand Art Museum in Westfield, the Museum of Energy and Honor in Hadera, Israel, and the Museum of Honor of the World Macabi Games in Jerusalem. His paintings can also be found in the collections of former President George W. Bush, President Heydar Aliiev of Azerbaijan, and in other private collections. His next solo exhibit will be at the Five Points Gallery in Connecticut at the end of summer.

## Bitzas recognized for Rotary leadership service

**BITZAS, from page 1**

Rotary’s biggest event, the fall Harvest Fair that is the Rotary’s largest fundraiser.

“We have lost a few members, but we have gained many more, and now we have 37 people in Rotary,” said Bitzas. “It is an excellent group, and they are all very active.”

Bitzas took over running the Harvest Fair a few years ago. Bitzas says he has worked with his committee to make the event bigger and better as time goes on.

“The Harvest Fair is a huge event for Rotary,” he said. “And we want to bring more people here for a good time and to raise more money for our charities.”

Agawam Rotary regularly donates to local causes, including awarding scholarships to graduating Agawam High School students. Rotary’s main international charity is polio eradication, which is nearly complete. Bitzas also said Rotary has been involved in donating funds for clean water in Latin America, and providing shelters to people who have suffered from disasters such as hurricanes

and tornados.

Bitzas personally got involved with the Agawam Rotary Club seven years ago when he was invited to join by one of their members. He had the option of joining Agawam’s club or Enfield’s due to his employment in that community. He chose Agawam because it was his community and he was already involved in city politics.

“It was a great decision for me to join the Rotary Club, and I am very glad to be part of the group,” said Bitzas. “I like being involved in the community, and I like to give back. I am very thankful for the president’s award and accept it for my entire club.”

Bitzas’ term as president ended June 30 and he gave way to fellow Agawam City Councilor Gina Letellier, an attorney. The club will soon be selecting a vice president.

Bitzas has served as vice president and is a member of the board of directors for the non-profit group. He plans to remain active with the club for many years to come.

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# In the Classroom

## Campus Notes...

**Bryant University:** Hadleigh Lepianka, Marija Molta, and Kimberly Moore, of Agawam, and Carly Cronin, Mikayla Rice and Kathleen Stempel, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

**Florida Institute of Technology:** Mary Draghetti, of Feeding Hills, graduated at commencement ceremonies held in May.

**Framingham State University:** Jacob Fogg, of Agawam, and Deborah Bushey and Alexander Thomas, of Feeding Hills, graduated at ceremonies held May 18.

**Franklin Pierce University:** Erin E. Mallory, of Agawam, graduated at ceremonies held this spring.

**Goodwin College:** Marlene Aquino, Charles Rossi, and Katlynn Sullivan, of Agawam, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

**Ithaca College:** Karen Muller, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

**Keene State College:** Jennifer Riley, of Agawam, and Meaghan Casey, of Feeding Hills, earned Enrichment Scholarships, awarded to first-year students who display high academic performance.

**Marist College:** Lauren Weiner, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

**Plymouth State University:** Katelyn Landry, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester president's list and graduated at ceremonies held May 17.

**Springfield Technical Community College:** Cyntia Allen, Raymond Ballard, Todd Banaitis, Dianna Bassett, Lauren Bava, Jeffrey Benson, Paul Bowler, Malik Calixte, Marc Couture-King, Sara Dauphinais, Nicole Despang, Adam Douthwright, Sarah Dudley, Alberto Feliciano, Jonathan Fogue, Mia Ghedi, Jeffery Gilbert, Shannon Keane, Samantha Kelleher, Julie Kuczarski, Zachary Lamsey, Iwona LeBlanc, Viktor Morgun, Olesya Mudrenko, Nicholas Orifice, Julie Palazzi, Quynh Pham, Amy Pioggia, Christopher Plasse, Matthew Rivard, Jeremy Roy, Bianca Sciertelli, William Searles, Alena Shostak, Steven Signet, Nicholas Sterczala, Ehdaa Tahoun, Nicholas Tapply, Sapa Truong, Christopher Vella, and Mariya Zabedyuk, of Agawam, and Sahar Abdul-Ali, Lisa Allen-Geissler, Lisa Carney, Jeremy Cleveland, Loan Dao, Corey Davilli, Scott Dintzner, Yelizaveta Dzyubenko, Adam Gay, Daniel Houle, Donna Howe, James Joyce, Renate Klueh, Tatyana Krivolenko, Ashley Lagro, Emily Laliberte, Jonathan LaValley, Ryan Lombardini, Tatyana Lyubezhanina, Joseph Marquette, Anthony Marsili, Dawn McCrystal, Robert McGeoghan, Christian Mickey, Irene Nesen, Ashley Osowski, Sean Ouimette, Dennis Reardon, Tyler Roberts, Sandra Saitto, Christian Savaria, Peter Shamir, Daniel Sole, and Brittany Sweet, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

**Trinity College:** Brandon G. Serafino, of Feeding Hills, graduated at commencement ceremonies held May 18. He also received The Lise Aerinne Waxer Prize in Music and The Harry Dobelle Book Prize in Musical Theater.

**University of Massachusetts Dartmouth:** Caroline Daubitz, Matthew Montano, and Anthony Montano, of Feeding Hills, were named to the chancellor's list for the spring semester.

Kimberly Fiedler and Caitlyn Pisarski, of Agawam, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

**University of Rhode Island:** Victoria Parent, of Feeding Hills, graduated at ceremonies held in May.

**Virginia Tech:** Cynthia Macaulay, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

## Matthews appointed dean at Springfield College

Tracey Matthews has been appointed dean of the Springfield College School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Matthews, who has been a faculty member at Springfield College since 2002 and served six years as chairperson for the Department of Exercise Science and Sport Studies,



Tracey Matthews

was selected following a national search that attracted more than 60 applicants and nominations.

Matthews earned a doctor of physical educational degree from Springfield College in 2002 and received a Master of Science degree in physical education from the college in 1997. In 2011, she co-authored a textbook entitled, "Designing and Conducting Research in Health and Human Performance."

"I am absolutely thrilled about being selected to serve as the next dean of the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Springfield College," said Matthews. "I look forward to the opportunity to help guide the school forward and build on its enduring success made possible by our passionate students and alumni, our dedicated faculty and the leadership of the college's administration. It is an honor and privilege to serve as the next dean, and I look forward to opportunities and challenges that lie ahead."

Prior to her time as a Springfield College faculty member, Matthews was a faculty member for the Castleton State College Physical Education Department from 1997 through 2002, including three years as department chair.

Matthews resides in Feeding Hills with her husband, Lee, and daughter, Emma.

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## FAWLEY AWARDED BU SCHOLARSHIP



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Agawam High School graduate Margaret Fawley, left, was the recipient of a Boston University \$1,000 Western Massachusetts Scholarship. Presenting her award is Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, a former AHS faculty member. Nordal is a BU graduate and a member of the college Alumni Association, which donates yearly to the scholarship fund.

## Agawam High School Term 4 Honor Roll

### GRADE 9

Serena Abraham, Lillian Afflitto, Nicholas Askins, Mar-iam Aydah, Michael Basile, Dennis Beaver, Erin Berthi-aume, Molly Breton, Nina Bruno, Alina Bubuza, Sydney Carra, Troy Carroll, Sarah Carron, Ethan Chan, Alexandra Cichetti, Sydney Cofer, Anna Colfer, Julian Colon, Jordyn Comtois, MaryEllen Conway, Bianca Culhane, Colin Cz-erpak, Matthew Dagenais, Mary D'Angelo, Xhy-Y Dao, Elisabeth Davydov, Sophia DeCesare, Frank Dejkus, Fran-cesco DeMaio, Mollie Dion, Tina Dong, Samantha Downs, Joseph Drake, Madison Dube, Allyson Dubiel, Courtney Fallon, Zachary Fiedler, Patrick Fisk, Jessica Fontaine, Lizclariane Franqui, Karina Fronchkevich, Jenna Gamelli, Juste Gavelyte, Meghan Gendron, Matteo Godek, Christian Gonet, Katelyn Grasso, Alyssa Gravel, Amber Gray, Collette Groux, Jacob Hampton, Miranda Harpin, Abigail Heine-mann, Aimee Heinze, Thomas Hendrickson, Stephanie Her-ring, Ian Higgins, Caroline Hitchcock, Garrett Hollander, Katie Hryniewicz, Nathaniel Humphries, Daniel Ireland,

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# Public Safety

## Police Log

The Agawam Police Department responded to 314 calls for service from July 1 to July 7. The department made 8 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Tuesday, July 1

Tiffany Menendez, 25, of 18 West St., Chicopee, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, and possession of Class C drug.

Brian J. Lavigne, 29, of 627 Springfield St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

### Thursday, July 3

Paul W. Dahlke, Jr., 56, of 509 Springfield St., Apt. B, Agawam, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, subsequent offense.

### Friday, July 4

Brendan D. Ennis, 26, of 369 Meadow St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of leav-

ing the scene of property damage, operating under the influence of liquor, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

### Saturday, July 5

Jeremiah Edward Vezina, 23, of 78 Hill St., West Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operating of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, failure to stop for a stop sign, and possession of open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Munachi Achebe Anosike, 18, of 79 Winter St., Cambridge, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing, and resisting arrest.

Joshua Ryan Levesque, 28, of Shibley Court, Apt. 3, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of municipal bylaw or ordinance violation.

### Monday, July 7

Alicia Eaton, 38, of 40 Paul Revere Drive, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant – failure to appear.

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# Legal Notices

### AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

June 12, 2014

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**Doreen Prouty**  
Chairperson  
Agawam Board of Appeals  
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**Probate and Family Court**  
**50 State Street**  
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**Docket No. HD14P1325PM**  
**In the matter of:**  
**Donna Ferguson**

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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Patrick Neagle** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Donna Ferguson** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Jonathan Davey** of Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00

a.m. on the return date of 07/25/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 27, 2014  
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Register of Probate

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FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 55 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from July 1 to July 7.

On July 1 at 6:14 p.m., the department responded to Maynard Street for service call, other.

On July 2 at 2:09 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for public service.

On July 2 at 2:26 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for public service assistance, other.

On July 3 at 4:23 a.m., the department responded to Cambridge Street for public service.

On July 3 at 9:10 a.m., the department responded to Silver Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On July 3 at 11:09 a.m., the department responded to Walnut Street Ext., was dispatched and cancelled en route.

On July 3 at 4:27 p.m., the department responded to Norris Street for public service.

On July 4 at 2:46 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for public service assistance, other.

On July 5 at 11:39 p.m., the department responded to Norman Terrace for cooking fire, confined to container.

On July 6 at 12:22 a.m., the department responded to Lincoln Street for citizen complaint.

On July 6 at 12:42 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for public service.

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# Hampden Bank announces recent promotions

The Board of Directors of Hampden Bancorp, Inc., and Hampden Bank unanimously elected Robert A. Massey as chief operations officer and Tara G. Corthell as chief financial officer and treasurer of the company and the bank effective July 1.

Massey has over 38 years of experience in banking, most recently serving as chief financial officer, a position he had held since 2008. He has been past president of the Great Trails Council Boy Scouts of America,

finance officer of American Legion Post 271 and a former instructor for the Center for Financial Training.

Corthell joined Hampden Bank in 2006 as the vice president, finance manager. In 2013, she was promoted to senior vice president, director of finance and oversees the finance and accounting areas She is an active member in several professional organizations and a student mentor at Brookings Elementary School in Springfield.

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# Families

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
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**Helen Beane, a resident of Feeding Hills, celebrated her 90th birthday on June 29. She has lived in town for over 60 years and is the mother of the late Carl Beane, the former voice of Fenway Park. She also has two other sons, Allan and Darryl and his wife, Darlene. She is the grandmother of four and the great-grandmother of seven. Mayor Richard A. Cohen presented her with a proclamation from the town to commemorate the event.**

# Hotaling awarded Eagle Scout rank

Paul S. Hotaling, 17, a member of Boy Scout Troop 82 in Agawam, recently completed his Eagle project and was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. For his project, Hotaling led a group of volunteers consisting of other scouts, friends and family to construct and stain 30 picnic tables for the DCR of Robinson State Park. He also constructed an information kiosk that is located just inside the North Street entrance to the park. Stadler Hardware of Belchertown sponsored the kiosk project and donated the supplies.

Hotaling has been a scout since first grade. Eagle Scout is the highest rank a scout can receive in Boy Scouts. In addition to the 21 life skills merit badges required to earn the Eagle Scout rank, each Scout must complete an extensive self-directed service project. The scout must plan, organize, lead, and manage the entire service effort prior to his 18th birthday. Roughly only four percent of all scouts earn this rank.

Hoteling will have his award ceremony at Robinson State Park this summer.



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**Boy Scout Paul Hotaling, left, is congratulated by Robert Perkins, of the Eagle Review Board of the Western Mass. District, on completion of his Eagle Scout project.**

## Class of 1982 plans '50th Birthday Bash'

The Agawam High School Class of 1982 will host a "50th Birthday Bash," Saturday, Aug. 9, from 2-9 p.m. at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills.

The cost, which is \$20 per person and \$10 for children 12 and under, includes a meet-and-greet with munchies from 2-5 p.m., followed by a catered traditional barbecue of hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot-dogs, salad, chips, watermelon, birthday cake, with coffee and tea served at 5 p.m. The deadline to pay is July 28, with no exceptions. All members of the Class of 1982 and their guests are welcome. Attire is casual and there will be a cash bar.

Checks made payable to AHS Class of 1982 may be mailed no later than July 28 to AHS Class of 1982, Attn: Allison Moreau, P.O. Box 186, Pequabuck, CT 06781. There will be no tickets. Attendees will be checked in at the gate. Neither payment nor last-minute guests will be accepted at the gate, with no exceptions.

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# Dog Day Afternoon...



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Citrus and Pokey, right, look a bit attentive and curious.



George goes in for his close-up.

Greyhound Options, Inc., a volunteer, non-profit group based out of Ware, visited Dave's Soda and Pet City in Agawam, on Saturday, July 5. The goal of the organization is to find homes for retired racing greyhounds. All of the dogs up for adoption are fostered and not kenneled in order to provide loving and stable environments. Every week, group members and dogs visit different public locations throughout western Massachusetts. For more information, visit [www.greyhoundoptions.org](http://www.greyhoundoptions.org).

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Brian McQuillen and Bella greet the friendly greyhounds.



Wista loves all the attention from volunteer Tony Bryant.



Volunteers, from the left, Aimee Manahan, Lisa Bryant, Mark Masztal and Tony Bryant are all smiles as they do their good deeds.



Citrus observes customers and potential adopters as they approach.



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Residents attain honors at Williston Northampton

EASTHAMPTON – The following local students were named to the honor roll for the third trimester at The Williston Northampton School:  
Caroline Wysocki, of Agawam a mem-ber of the Class of 2016, achieved honors; Noah DeVos, of Feeding Hills, a member of the Class of 2017, achieved honors; Rachel Lloyd, of Feeding Hills, a member of the Class of 2014, achieved honors.

Sabadosa, Zachary Sawyer, Jillian Scherpa, Melissa Schuler, Anthony Sciartelli, Charles Sclafani, Nicholas Scuderi, Austin Seng, Julia Serra, Steven Stagnaro, Keandria Suss-man, Victoria Sutherland, Samantha Swis-tak, Albulena Terholli, Victoria Thomas, Emily Whitman, Laura Wynne, Vladimir Zabedyuk, Nick Zaporozhchenko

GRADE 11

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Residents attain honors at St. Thomas

WEST SPRRINGFIELD - The following local students were named to the fourth-quarter honor roll at St. Thomas the Apostle School.  
First Honors: Grade 7 - Jessica Fedor; Second Honors: Grade 7 - Alexandra Gonet; Grade 6 - Thom-as Young; Third Honors: Grade 7 - Nicholas Malouin, Faith Olbrych; Grade 5 - Elizabeth Gonet.

Seniors

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, July 14: Weeklong Tag Sale, 9 a.m-1 p.m.; 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, July 15: Weeklong Tag Sale, 9 a.m-1 p.m.; Summer Exercise Program; 9 a.m., Shuffleboard (meet at St. John’s courts); 10 a.m., Coffee Hour w/representative from Nicholas Boldyga’s Office; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie (“Bruce Almighty”); 1 p.m., Mexi-can Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, July 16: Weeklong Tag Sale, 9 a.m-1 p.m.; 8 a.m., Weight Train-ing; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Healthy Care Proxy Presentation; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chap-ter 2 Meeting; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, July 17: Weeklong Tag Sale, 9 a.m-1 p.m.; Foot Nurses Available (by appt.); Summer Exercise Program; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, July 18: Weeklong Tag Sale, 9 a.m-1 p.m.; 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Lunch menu

Monday, July 14: Swedish meatballs over egg noodles.

Tuesday, July 15: Roast chicken cac-ciatore with peppers and onions, pasta and sauce, peaches.

Wednesday, July 16: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, diced pears.

Thursday, July 17: Asian chicken salad (lettuce, mandarin oranges, sliced al-monds, crunch noodles), baked good.

Friday, July 18: Baked fish, rice pilaf, spinach, pudding.


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# SPORTS

## Young Crush dominate opposition

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam Orange Crush is playing well beyond their years.

And their league placement shows.

After winning the U10 Division in the NEYSA softball league, the Orange Crush and their coach, Shawn Smith, decided to move the talented and committed group of players until the U12B league.

“With the cutoff date rules we could have stayed in the U10 league,” said Smith. “But we had won the league and the only way to get better is for the team to be challenged.”

The Orange Crush was very committed to succeeded despite having a very young team. Most of the players on the team were just recently turning 11 years old. But the team spent two days a week training indoors, something very rare for younger players.

“This group of girls really enjoys playing softball and getting better,” said Smith. “We spent a lot of time working on skills to ready for the season.”

Agawam was challenged, but played very well in their new division. They came in second place. They were able to go 8-4. Three of their four losses, unfortunately, came against Palmer, giving Palmer a decided advantage over Agawam.

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Infielder Maggie Johnston (10) prepares to make a throw to first.



Gianna Cueto (8) reaches out to make some solid contact with the ball.

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## Westfield turns back Agawam



Belchertown catcher Jack Mankowsky reaches out to catch the ball as Agawam's Laine Page (12) slides into home plate.

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – The Agawam 11-12 Little League All-Star team suffered their first loss in pool play, but are still headed to the District 2 semifinals.

They were scheduled to play in that semifinal Thursday night at the Westfield American team at Cross Field in Westfield. If Agawam wins, they would play in the District 2 finals, scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m. The site will be determined by who wins the other semifinal.

Last Saturday afternoon at Agawam Memorial Park, Agawam

was defeated 4-2 by Westfield National. It was first time Agawam had suffered a defeat as they went through Belchertown, Easthampton, and Southampton in the first three games.

Westfield got all they needed with three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Westfield took advantage of a walk and a single to set up a three-run home run over the fence to make it 3-0 very quickly.

Beyond that blemish, Agawam played very well, only allowing a single run in the bottom of the third inning.

The game moved very quickly and was actually completed in just 70 minutes.

Agawam got both of their runs

in the top of the third inning. Dyland Sliech would start the inning by reaching base on an error. Two outs later, Agawam returned to the top of the order with Matthew Hotaling at the plate. He was hit by a pitch to put two runners on with two outs. The pair would advance to second and third, and then come around to score on a two-RBI single by Connor Feyre.

The runs would cut Westfield's lead to 3-2. Feyre, who started the game for Agawam, allowed another run in the bottom of the third inning, but nothing else.

The two teams played scoreless baseball for the rest of the game, but Agawam threatened to tie in

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## Barcomb spins no-hitter

*Finish third in pool play*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam 9-10 Little League All-Stars were a victim of circumstance after battling to a 3-1 record at the start of the pool play. They were eliminated from the District 2 playoffs following a defeat of Northampton last Tuesday evening.

Northampton had no answer for Agawam as they were trounced 13-0 in just four innings.

In the victory, coach Mike Blanchette said it was a team effort on offense and a great performance on the mound by Mason Barcomb.

“He did a great job and pitched a no-hitter in the game,” said Blanchette.

On offense, Matt Cleavall had a pair of hits and two runs scored. Jack Litz had a double and two runs scored, Jack Wassung had two hits and two runs scored, and Billy Walsh contributed a pair of runs scored.

The toughest game of the tournament happened on Sunday, June 29 as Agawam narrowly got past Westfield 4-3. It was the most exciting game of the tournament for Agawam.

Agawam was able to get on top early as Cleavall was hit by a pitch. He was followed by Ben Blanchette, who got a single. Bar-



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**An Agawam runner stands between second and third base.**

comb then hit a double to left, plating both runs to give Agawam a 2-0 lead early.

A base hit from Kyle Albert extended the inning as his hit scored Barcomb and gave Agawam a 3-0 lead. Agawam then scored a fourth run in the bottom of the third inning to make it 4-0.

**See NO-HITTER, page 13**



# Garvin set to go to Juniors

## Reaches final after five-hole playoff

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – For Angela Garvin, golf is really life.

Just four years ago, Garvin was in Pinehurst, N.C., participating in the Junior PGA Championship, turning heads as a 9-year-old girl.

Now, she is heading back to the junior championship as a 13-year-old after having one of the best home advantages ever to win the Connecticut regional championship after five playoff holes.

Garvin picked up the win after a grueling 36-hole competition where she shot rounds of 77 and 75. She tied for first place and then shot 1-under-par to pick up the win in the fifth playoff hole.

The Connecticut Region for junior golf includes Western Massachusetts, her father, Lou Garvin explained. He says the regional competition site changes each year, but the winners of the various regions are invited to play, expense-free, at the championship round.

Last year, Angela Garvin competed in Waterbury, Conn., and came in third place. This year, The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick, a critically acclaimed golf course in some golf magazines, was chosen for the regional competition. The competition was right in Garvin’s backyard.

The Feeding Hills native has been golfing at The Ranch since she was very young, and practices there on a regular basis.

“That course is home for her,” said Lou Garvin.

Lou Garvin helps coach his daughter, and also tries to arrange for her to golf against the best competition he can find. She has been

matched up against college and high school golfers, and has managed to beat them in many cases.

This difference between last year and this year’s championship round was growth, he said.

“She’s getting bigger and she is starting to hit the ball farther,” said Lou Garvin. “She’s just going to keep getting better if she works at it.”

Angela Garvin was playing in tournaments at just 5 years old. She began holding a golf club at 3. She has never lost her passion for the game, and she has never wavered in her commitment to getting better at the sport.

“She is committed to the game,” said Lou Garvin. “She has found what she is good at and she has done that at a very young age. You do not see that happening very often.”

Angela has been all over New England this year, participating in the Connecticut region events leading up to the championship, and participating in challenge matches and showcases.

At 13 years old, her future is still up in the air.

“We are not sure where she is going to be in high school,” said Lou Garvin. “There are high schools that obviously want her to play, and she wants to play in college.”

Angela Garvin is currently home-schooled in Agawam, and her family has not made a decision on whether she will attend a high school.

In the near future, she will be traveling to Texas to play in the championship event with regional winners from all over the country. Winners are 18-and-under according to the rules of the junior tournament.

The championship round will be broadcast at some point on the Golf Channel on a tape delay, Lou Garvin said.

# RED SOX BRING HOME TITLE



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**AGAWAM - Congratulations to the Benton Real Estate Red Sox for winning the Agawam Little League AAA championship. They finished in first place in the regular season.**

# Parks & Rec hosting Red Sox trips

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is running two trips to Fenway this summer.

Registration has begun and will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

For more information on these trips please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 413-821-0513.

Boston Red Sox versus Houston Astros, Friday, Aug. 15, Section 26. Cost is \$104 per person.

The bus will leave from the Agawam High School three hours before game time.

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The starter for Agawam was Jermaine Norfleet. He pitched well into the fifth inning and limited Westfield to just two runs. In the fifth inning, Blanchette used Zack Zollo. Westfield National caused a bit of trouble and they brought across the third run for Westfield and the bases were loaded with just one out.

Barcomb then came into the game and relieved Zollo. He field a comebacker to the mound and threw to home plate for a force out to keep the tying run from scoring. He then got a strikeout to finish off the inning.

In the sixth inning, Westfield threatened by having a runner reach with two outs on a walk. Barcomb then induced the final hitter to hit a ground ball to Blanchette at second base. He rushed to the bag at second base for the force out that ended the game.

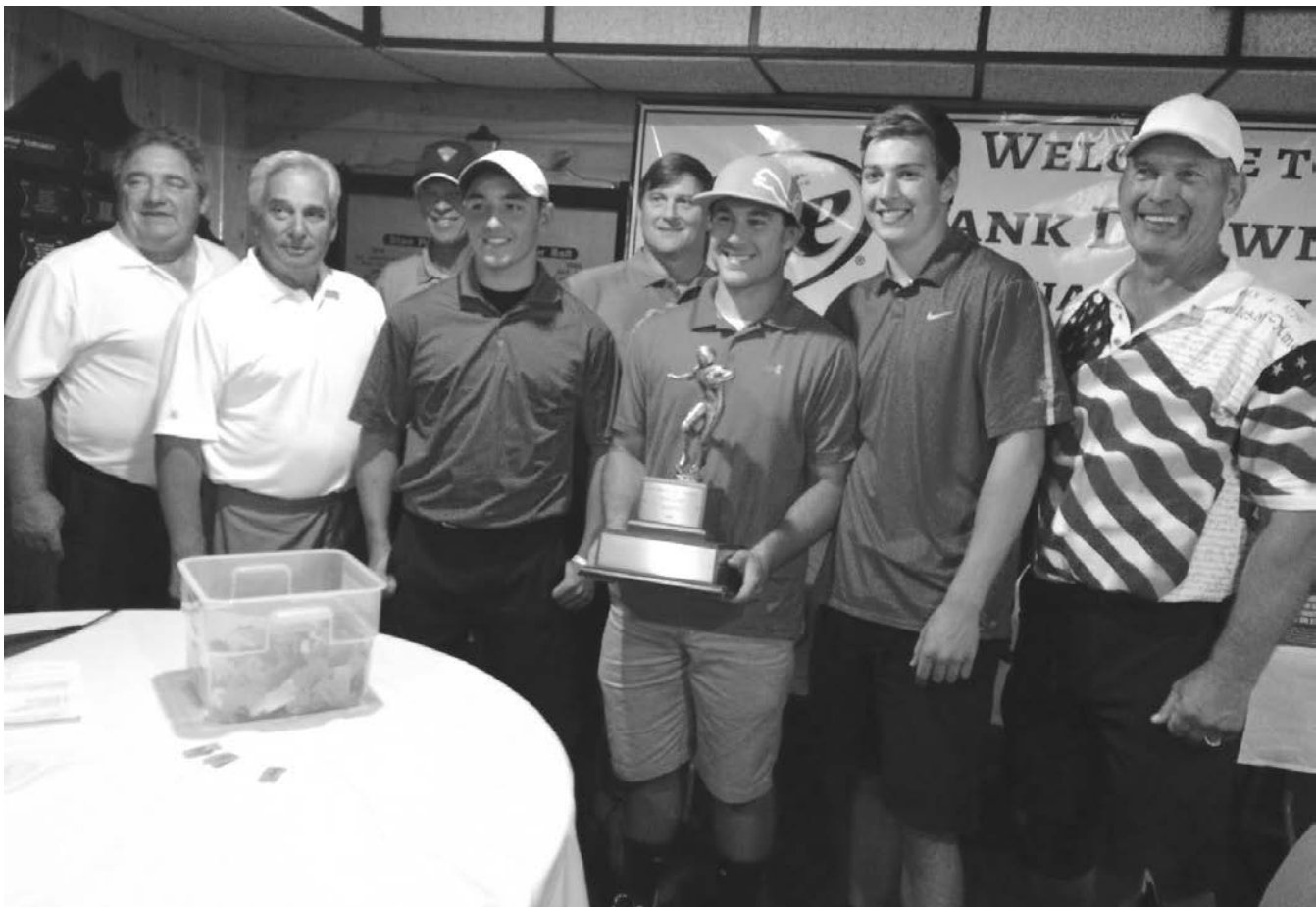
Agawam also scored a big defeat over Gateway 22-4 in four innings.

Agawam tied Westfield National and Belchertown with 3-1 records. But due to Belchertown’s big win over Agawam in the opening game of pool play, Agawam lost the tiebreaker and was eliminated. Westfield won the pool and Belchertown was seeded second.

Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.



# Three Agawam athletes receive scholarships



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**Agawam running back Steve Comee, linebacker, Anthony Ingham and quarterback Mike Vecchiarelli all received scholarships at the Annual Hawk Drewnowski Memorial Golf Scholarship Tournament.**

AGAWAM - The Hank Drewnowski Memorial Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on June 29 at Oak Ridge Golf Club.

Three graduating seniors from the Agawam High School Football team received a scholarship from the Drewnowski Family at the Annual Hank Drewnowski Memorial Golf Scholarship Tournament held at Oak Ridge Golf Club on June 29.

Each year, Mike, Steve and Hank Drewnowski honor the memory of their father Hank by holding the event and presenting a scholarship to three graduating seniors on the Agawam High School football team.

This year’s recipients are running back Steve Comee, linebacker, Anthony Ingham and quarterback Mike Vecchiarelli.



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wam heading into the playoffs.

But Agawam headed into the finals executing one of Smith's keys to success.

"They had a will to win," said Smith. "These girls wanted to be there and they wanted to win a championship."

It took a little while for the offense to get going, but a six-run output in the final inning of the first game of the best-of-three-game finals resulted in an Agawam victory. The following night, Agawam held on for the one-run victory to win the championship over Palmer.

The pure difference between the regular season and the playoffs was growth.

"These girls kept getting better and better as the season went on," said Smith. "They lost games against Palmer, but they learned from them and they were ready to play at a higher level when they got to the finals."

Smith says another key to his team's success this year was depth. His team has a lot of depth and with 13 players, he has not had issues putting nine players on the field.

"We have girls that still like to play some other sports, so we carry 13 on our roster," said Smith. "But these girls were very committed and they showed up a lot."

Eight of the 13 players on the championship team moved on to play summer softball in the Suburban League. Smith is coaching that team and says the competition level is higher, and the team is playing well and hovering around .500.

The Orange Crush will move on to the U12A league coming up next year.

The 13 players on the championship team are: Gianna Curto, Summer Smith, Sofia Ruiz, Rowenn Stevens, Julianna Faillace, Sarah Ross, Josephine Tyrowicz, Maggie



Pitcher Julianna Faillace (12) delivers an offering to home plate.

Johnston, Hannah Cahill, Lauren Gurau, Mackenzie Ritchie, Emily Ehresman, and Emmy White. Ross and Faillace served as the team's primary pitchers.

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Catcher Sofia Ruiz (11) reaches out to make the catch.

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the top of the sixth when they got some two-out magic going.

After two strikeouts started the inning, Michael Santore, a defensive replacement, came up and worked a walk. He was very impressive, fouling off a number of pitches before reaching base. He was followed by Nathan Mateaus, who sent a two-strike pitch to the outfield for a single, putting runners at first and second with two outs.

Connor Twohig hit the ball very hard with two strikes, but a good play by the second baseman ended the game for Agawam.

With the loss, Agawam is 3-1 in pool play and was the number two team in their pool. Westfield American was the top seed in the opposite pool.

Agawam defeated Southampton 26-4 last Thursday evening in a makeup game from a July 2 rainout. Agawam is hoping to win the District and head to the state competition for the first time in three years.



Belchertown's Colby Masse (33) beats the throw to first as Agawam first baseman Andrew Sullivan (25) reaches for the ball.

GOLF CALENDAR

Agawam High School Athletics to host 20th Annual Golf Tournament in September

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department invites the public to save the date and participate in its 20th annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at Oak Ridge Country Club.

This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam High School as some do in other communities. Please join us for an enjoyable day and support a good cause.

Specific details/information will be released soon. If you would like to participate as a golfer or sponsor, or donate a raffle prize, please contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic Office at 821-0529 or at dstratton@agawampublicschools.org.

ACCGS golfers to tee one up July 14

SPRINGFIELD – The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick will be the setting for the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield's (ACCGS) 2014 Golf Tournament on July 14.

Built in 2001 on a former country retreat of the Crane Paper Company, the Damien Pascuzzo-designed course has been called a "modern classic" by LINKS Magazine. The "cerebral, sporty, tournament-worthy course" meanders through a mixture of open meadows and woodlands, interspersed with beautiful water features making the course memorable and challenging.

The par 72, 7,100-yard course is a challenge to any golfer with "blurred distinctions" between the fairways and greens fronts, a "ragged and blow-out style on the far edge, smoothly finished on the near edge," and diverse bunkers throughout the course. It has been consistently ranked as one of the Top 5 Places to Play by Golf Magazine and listed in the Top 10 Best in the State by Golf Digest since its opening in 2002.

The tournament will kickoff with registration and practice on one of the course's six target greens, two pitching greens or its pitching nets at 10:30 a.m. A course-side lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until noon, with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Golfers will enjoy a scramble format, hole in one contests sponsored by Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, Rocky's Ace Hardware and Hampden Bank; longest drive and closest to the line

competitions; a putting contest sponsored by Chicopee Savings Bank, and an opportunity to win from a wide selection of raffle prizes, including Red Sox tickets, a Waterford golf ball, hotels stay, gift cards and more. The day will conclude with a reception, buffet dinner and awards ceremony.

Sponsorship levels for every budget are available, from the premiere presenting sponsor level to 18 flag sponsor levels which reward sponsors with a keepsake personalized pin flag to the budget-friendly tee sponsor level. Sponsors include Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, Florence Savings Bank, YMCA of Greater Springfield, Bar & Barr, Inc. and Bacon Wilson P.C.

The tournament entry fee is \$600 per foursome (individual golfers are welcome at \$150) and includes greens fees, cart, lunch sponsored by the MassMutual Center, reception and souvenir photo sponsored by Eastfield Mall. Non-golfers may attend just the reception for \$30 per person.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Member Services Director Cecile Larose at larose@myonlinechamber.com or 413-755-1313. To register for the tournament, visit the ACCGS website at [www.myonlinechamber.com](http://www.myonlinechamber.com) or contact Larose by email.

**Scramble for the Animals seeks golfers**

FEEDING HILLS - Volunteers of the Westfield Homeless Cat Project and Friends of the Westfield Regional Animal Shelter invite golfers to a Scramble for the Animals on Sunday, Aug. 3 at Oak Ridge Golf Club.

This year's \$5,000 goal will help to save the lives of hundreds of cats and dogs in the Greater Westfield area.

The \$95 cost includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes; dinner only is \$25. Prizes for a hole-in-one include: a new car from Bertera Subaru, a \$3500 value pool or spa from Teddy Bear Pools and Spa and a cash prize of \$700. Other prizes include \$100 cash for closet to the pin - male and female, and \$50 for longest drive - male and female.

Signup will be at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The registration deadline is July 15.

Please consider sponsoring a hole for \$50.00. It can be in the name of a business, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or pet. Raffles prizes will also be appreciated. For more information and registration form, contact Marie Boccasile at 413-564-0589 or e-mail at [marieboccasile@gmail.com](mailto:marieboccasile@gmail.com).

Breakers pull away from Mutiny

BOSTON - After coming back twice from one-goal deficits to tie the Boston Breakers Reserves (7-0-1 WPSL New England), the New England Mutiny (3-3-2 WPSL New England) couldn't pull ahead in the second half and surrendered a 5-2 loss to the professional side.

Former Boston Breaker Kate Howarth added to her goal-scoring exploits with two more tallies in this game for the Mutiny, but a three-goal outburst in nine minutes by the home team decided the match.

Boston came out of the gate, testing the New England defense. Their efforts came to fruition in the 18th minute when Suzane Pires beat Mutiny goalkeeper Carly McCabe with her left-footed shot in the top corner for the 1-0 lead. New England battled back into the match and got their reward in the 30th minute. Longmeadow-native Jenna Fisher won the ball at midfield and fed Howarth in on goal, where she slid her shot past the on-rushing Breakers keeper Kimika Forbes to tie the match at 1-1.

Howarth almost put the Mutiny ahead in the 39th minute, but she couldn't take advantage of a great through ball by midfielder Kacey Richards. The score would remain at 1-1 going into halftime. The second half would see some early July 4th fireworks go off on the Harvard University Stadium pitch but unfortunately, it would be the visiting team who would get burned.

In the 49th minute, Boston's Emily Banes

appeared to grab New England's Jewel Robinson to draw a foul and the head referee bought her simulation for the penalty kick decision. Rachel Wood stepped up to the PK and buried it for the 2-1 lead. The Mutiny would not back down, though, as Fisher and Howarth combined again for a carbon copy of their first goal to tie the match at 2-2 in the 52nd minute.

The teams battled back and forth over the next 15:00 until the Breakers Reserves tallied the eventual game-winning goal. McCabe stopped Wood's header off a corner kick but Vendula Strnadova followed up her save and knocked the ball in for the 3-2 advantage. New England would not immediately come back again as in the 72nd minute, their failed defensive clearance provided Chelsea Stewart her chance to make the score 4-2. Jasmin Corniel finished the scoring on the night with her goal in the 76th minute.

The Mutiny will have an opportunity to finish their 2014 season with a winning record as they travel to face Boston Breakers Academy this Monday, July 7 before returning home for their season finale on Saturday, July 12. It will be "AAA Night" vs. Aztec F.C. as fans can sign up to win a \$500 travel voucher courtesy of AAA that will be given away at halftime. There will be a corporate table with special offers and discounts and free admission for fans that show their AAA card at the gate for this match.



# Obituaries & Church News

## Pauline Brown 1922-2014

Pauline (Pratt) Brown, 92, died Monday surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Pelham, N.Y., lived in Springfield and has been a resident of Agawam since 1963. A communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Pauline devoted herself to helping veterans. She was a lifelong member and past president of the American Legion Post 185 Auxiliary, a member of the Agawam Veterans Council, longtime member of the Agawam VFW and was a 1993 District 3 Director for the Hampden County Veterans Association. She also volunteered at the Soldiers' Home and the V.A. Hospital in Leeds for many years. She was predeceased by her husband, George Brown in 2006. She leaves two sons, Henry Boisvert of Granite Bay, Calif., and John Brown of Feeding



Hills; four daughters, Diane Manseau of Feeding Hills, Rose Worthly of China Village, Maine, June Murray of Feeding Hills, and Paula Boisvert-Savard and her husband Eugene of Feeding Hills; a sister, Mae Baker of Ocala, Fla.; a niece, Pauline Baker; nephews Ron and Jimmy Baker; and nine grandchildren, Richard, Gabriel, Garret and Jarod Boisvert, David and Linda Garceau, Shawn Murray, Kim Hannah and her husband Ronald, and Heather Soares and her husband Bill. She also leaves eight great-grandchildren, Alex, Justin, Jasmine, Chelsea, Chanelle, Mercedes, Maggie, and Gabriel. A private committal service will be held in the chapel of the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in Agawam. Curran-Jones funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information, please go to curranjones.com. In lieu of flowers, donations in Pauline's name may be made to any veterans organization.

## Dr. Martin P. Davilli 1957-2014

Dr. Martin P. Davilli, 56, of Agawam, passed away suddenly due to complications from surgery on Thursday, July 3, 2014 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. Born in Springfield to the late Faustino and Anita (Barry) Davilli, he was a 1975 graduate of Agawam High School. Dr. Davilli graduated with a bachelor's degree in science from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. and then went on to earn his doctorate from the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago. As an optometrist, Dr. Davilli maintained a private practice, Ludlow Eye Associates. He was an avid New England sports fan and coached soccer for many years for the Premier Soccer League. Marty loved spending time with his family and vacationing in Aruba. He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Ellen M. (Grabinski) Davilli, of Agawam; his two devoted daughters, Elise Davilli and her fiancé Michael Laroche of Wethersfield, Conn., and Monica Davilli of Agawam and her boyfriend Cory Pike; his



three siblings, Barry Davilli of Westminister, Jeri-Ann (Davilli) Luke and her husband Jerry, of Feeding Hills, and Thomas Davilli and his wife Jayne of Hamilton, Va.; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Alice and Frank J. Grabinski, and brother-in-law, Frank D. Grabinski, all of Feeding Hills; several nieces and nephews; and many dear friends over the years; and the wonderful staff at Ludlow Eye Associates that he loved dearly. Family and friends are invited to meet for Marty's Funeral Mass on Saturday, July 12 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. There are no calling hours and burial will be private for the family at a later date. Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam is entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Marty's memory to the Animal Relief Foundation Aruba (ARF-Aruba.com), a non-profit organization on the island of Aruba that was close to his heart. www.forastierfuneralhome.com.

## DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

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Died July 7, 2014  
Private Services  
Curran-Jones Funeral Home  
Agawam

**Davilli, Dr. Martin P.**  
Died July 3, 2014  
Funeral Mass July 12, 2014  
Sacred Heart Church  
Feeding Hills

**Day, Judith D.**  
Died July 5, 2014  
Private Funeral  
Agawam Funeral Home  
**DeBonville, Rev. John H.**  
Died July 5, 2014  
Memorial Service July 11, 2014  
Colonial Forastiere  
Funeral Home  
Agawam

**Sideravage, Diane**  
Died July 1, 2014  
Funeral July 7, 2014  
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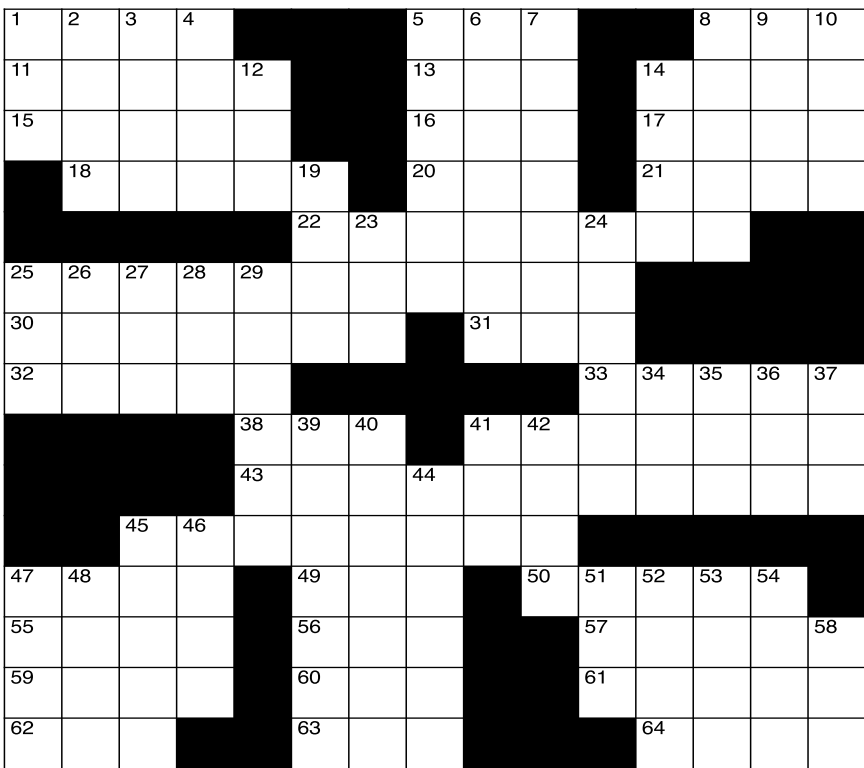
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15. TV delivery system  
16. Chronicles (abbr.)  
17. Bolivian river  
18. Like a moss capsule stalk  
20. Short 1st name for actor Bacon  
21. Br. boarding school  
22. Gorges  
25. Guileless  
30. More obstinate  
31. Pair  
32. Ablaze  
33. Muffled
38. No seats available  
41. More blackened  
43. Proficiently skilled  
45. Flat highlands  
47. Hillside (Scot.)  
49. Stricken  
50. MN 55121  
55. Sutter Cnty. City seat  
56. In no way  
57. V. Woolf playwright  
59. Nev. Sen. Harry  
60. Ingested  
61. Nobel Prize winner  
62. Make a mistake  
63. Sirius Satellite Radio (abbr.)  
64. Mama's partner
- CLUES DOWN**  
1. Disney network  
2. Oldest river (alt. sp.)  
3. Dresden River  
4. Preservative  
5. Bargain  
6. Stuck fast  
7. Nouveau-riche  
8. Plural of 14 down  
9. Hand (Spanish)  
10. 7th Hindu month  
12. A large body of water  
14. Assist in some wrongdoing  
19. Run with a long stride  
23. Volt-ampere  
24. Oppenheimer's bomb  
25. Don't know when yet  
26. British Air Aces  
27. C. Clay's new surname
28. Norwegian monetary unit (abbr.)  
29. Afternoon nap  
34. Actress Thurman  
35. '\_\_\_ death do us part  
36. Snakelike fish  
37. Not wet  
39. Eye membranes  
40. Spotted wildcats  
41. Wildebeest  
42. Ascend  
44. Headgear for a horse  
45. Bura  
46. Foremost position  
47. Cowbarn (British)  
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52. Pleased  
53. Swedish rock group  
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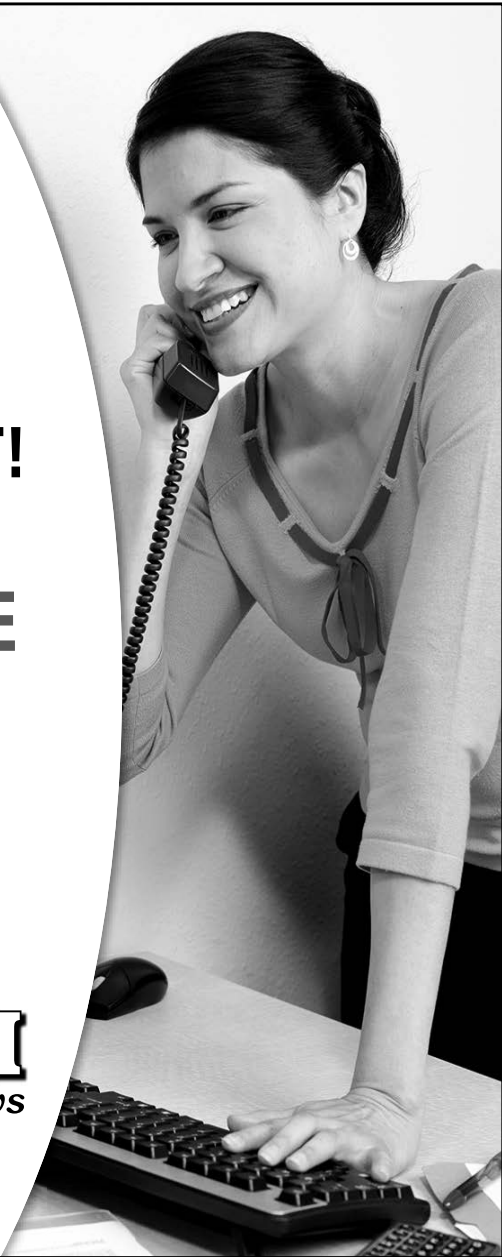
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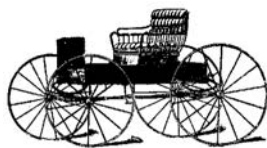
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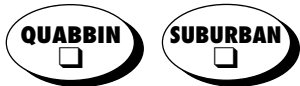
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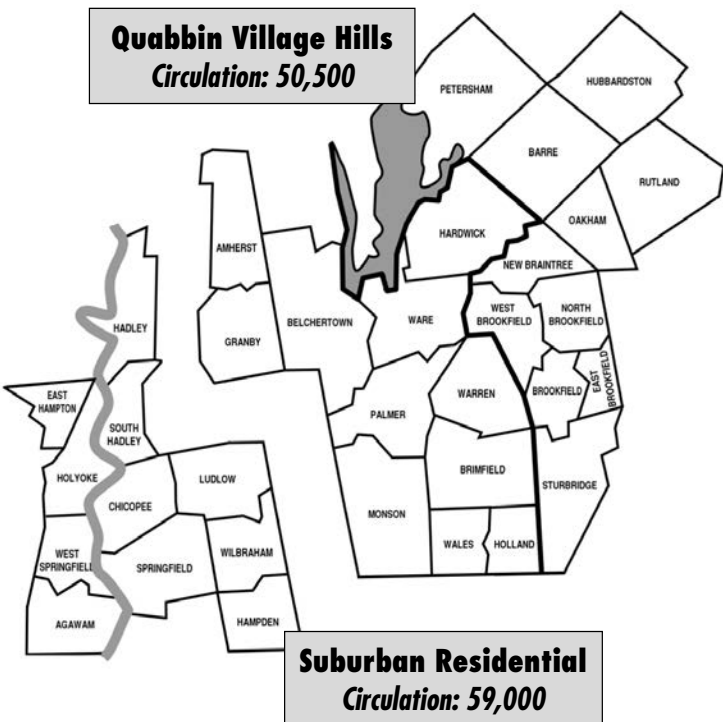
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ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

## Wednesday, July 16

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, offers Trivia Night every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is invited to come as one or as a team. Subjects include general knowledge, sports, history, music and more. Prizes awarded.

## Thursday, July 17

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## New Grimm play at Red Door

Snow White, witches, Rapunzel, vampires, Frog Prince, trolls – the Grimm Brothers left a legacy of startling creatures and beings in the 200-plus stories they wrote in the late 9th century.

The Red Door Theatre brings many of those familiar, and not-so-familiar, characters to life on the stage in a new play by Agawam director/playwright, Marilene Allen, titled, “A Grimm by Any Other Name.”

Being a descendant of the famous storyteller, Wilhelm Grimm, is quite a trial for Jack. He tries to ignore the whole thing until Maleficent steals his sister, Morgan, and drags her back in time and space to the original land of fairy tales. In a race against time, Jack and all the good folks of the land need to stop Maleficent in her quest to reassemble the pieces of a magic box that, when held in


the hands of a Grimm, will give you your heart's desire.

The play is a culmination of a one-week theatre camp in which 45 young people from the area have spent their time rehearsing their parts, painting the set, decorating, and costuming. The shows will run Friday, July 11, and Saturday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, July 12, and Sunday, July 13, at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$9 and may be reserved by calling the box office at (413) 789-2026.

The Red Door Theatre is an intimate, 120-seat theatre, which is air-conditioned and handicapped-accessible. It is located at 152 South Westfield St., next to Hope Community Church in Feeding Hills.

For more information on this and upcoming summer productions for young people, go to [www.reddoortheatre.com](http://www.reddoortheatre.com).

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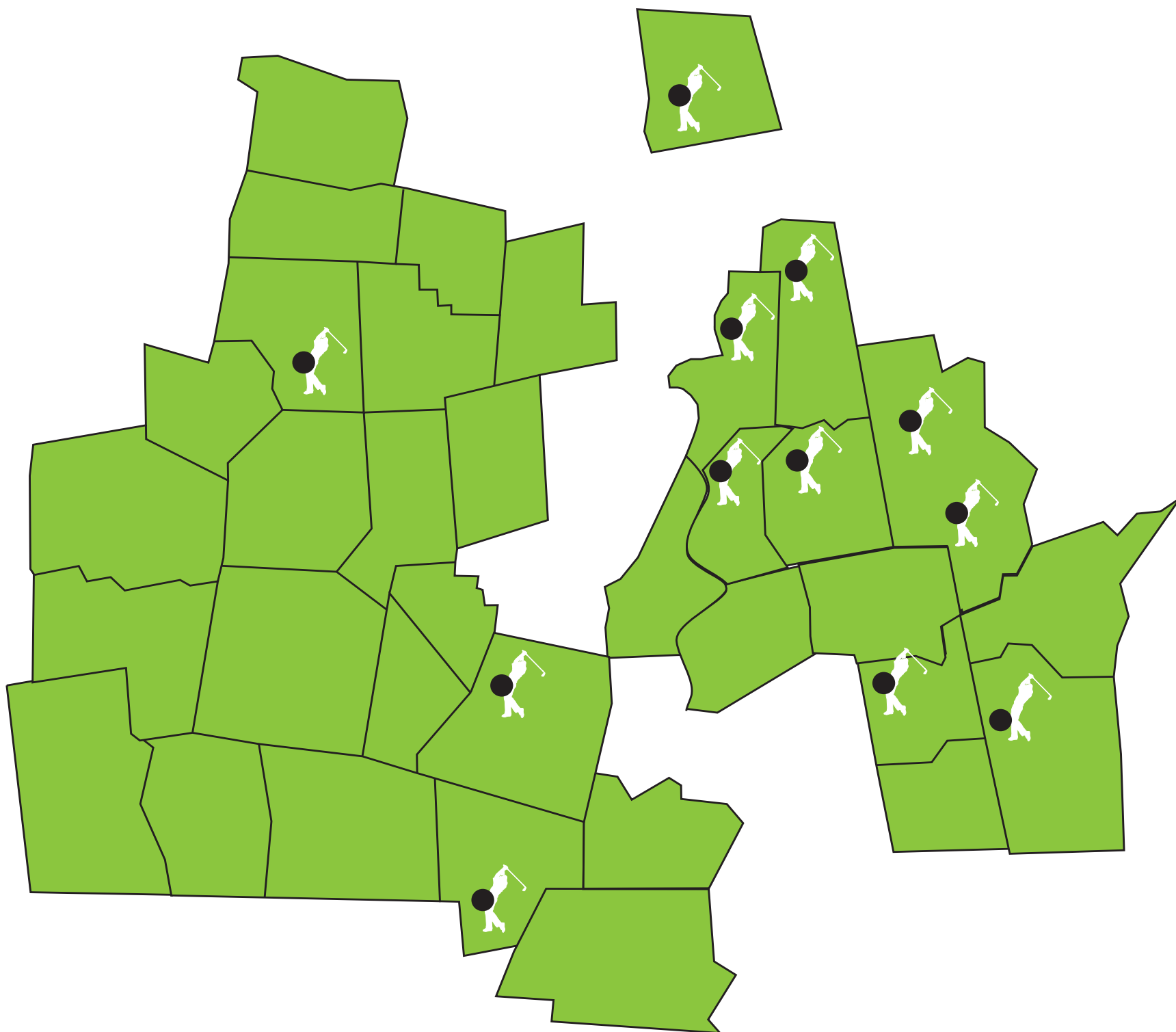
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